(a) whether the scientists engaged in agricultural research have alarmed Government about the production of foodgrains falling day by day;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any concrete steps to tone up agricultural research in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) The foodgrains production is not falling day by day. Rather, during the year 2001-02, the foodgrains production is likely to be 211.17 million tonnes, which will be about 15.25 million tonnes more than the last year's production of 195.92 million tonnes. Thus, during the year 2001-02, the foodgrains production is expected to be an all time record.

(b) and (c) The development of appropriate varieties/hybrids and their production and protection technology for enhancing the production, productivity and the profitability of the farmers are the major thrust of research under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. A number of steps such as development of varieties/hybrids in different crops and increasing the stability of production through incorporation of multiple disease/pest resistance and improving the quality have been undertaken. Apart from identifying various crops suitable for crop diversification, efforts are also on to reduce the duration of the crop for its introduction in new cropping system and crop diversification. Both the exotic and indigenous collection of valuable germplasms, planting materials of different crops are strengthened under Mission-Mode Project. Frontline demonstrations are also carried out in various crops for the benefit of the farmers including the necessary fine-tuning required.

Agricultural production in UP

3950. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will be Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centrally sponsored programmes formulated and being implemented by Government in Uttar Pradesh to increase agricultural production during the year 2001-2002;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target for increasing the agricultural production;

(c) if so, the details of achievements made in this respect; and

(d) the details of financial assistance granted to Uttar Pradesh for the purpose during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (d) The details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation alongwith financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh for increasing the agricultural production during 2001-02 are given in the Statement. (*See* Below)

At the national level, as per advance estimates the likely achievement in total foodgrains is estimated at 211.17 million tonnes against the target of 218 million tonnes fixed for the year 2001-02. The 'final' assessment of State-wise achievement during 2001-02 has not been made.

Statement

Details of Funds Released to Uttar Pradesh under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during 2001-2002

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds released 2001-02 (Provisional)
1.	Macro Management Scheme	7500.00
2.	Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP)	100.00
3.	National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	107.00
4.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)	33.75
5.	Timely Reporting Scheme (TRS)	70.00
6.	Improvement of Crop Statistics (ICS)	90.00
7.	Crop Estimate Survey on Fruits & Vegetables	38.00
	TOTAL	7938.75